

Abstract of the Disclosure

A preferred embodiment rodent trap (100, 200) includes a housing (101, 140, 201, 240), a trap assembly (118, 218), and a removable insert receptacle (120, 220). The trap assembly (118, 218) provides access to a cavity (119, 205) within the housing (101, 140, 201, 240). The removable insert receptacle (120, 220) fits within the cavity (119, 205) proximate the trap assembly (118, 218) to contain a rodent or rodents therein. The removable insert receptacle (120, 220) is preferably made of a non-destructible material to prevent escape. Further, the rodent trap (100) includes a base (101), a cover (140), and climbing assisting members (105). The base (101) has a wall portion (102) including an elevated platform (106). The cover (140) cooperates with the base (101) to define a cavity (119), which contains the elevated platform (106). The climbing assisting members (105) provide access to the elevated platform (106). The trap assembly (118) is operatively connected to the elevated platform (106), which elevates the trap assembly (118) within the cavity (119). The base (101), the cover (140), and the elevated platform (106) assist in preventing contaminants from entering the trap assembly (118) and the cavity (119).